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CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS ON VACANCIES RELATED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS' CONVICTIONS

City Attorney Michael Aguirre has advised the City Council that pursuant to the City Charter, they must vacate the seats of Councilmembers Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet on July 25. The Charter requires the Council to take this action in the case of any Councilmember who is absent for 50% of the scheduled meetings during one month.

Inzunza and Zucchet were convicted today in federal court of extortion, conspiracy, and mail fraud. Under California law immediately upon conviction, they were suspended from office. On November 9, when they are sentenced, they must forfeit their offices. Because there are only two Council sessions this month, by July 25, they will have met the 50% threshold.

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